mid-cambrian morning

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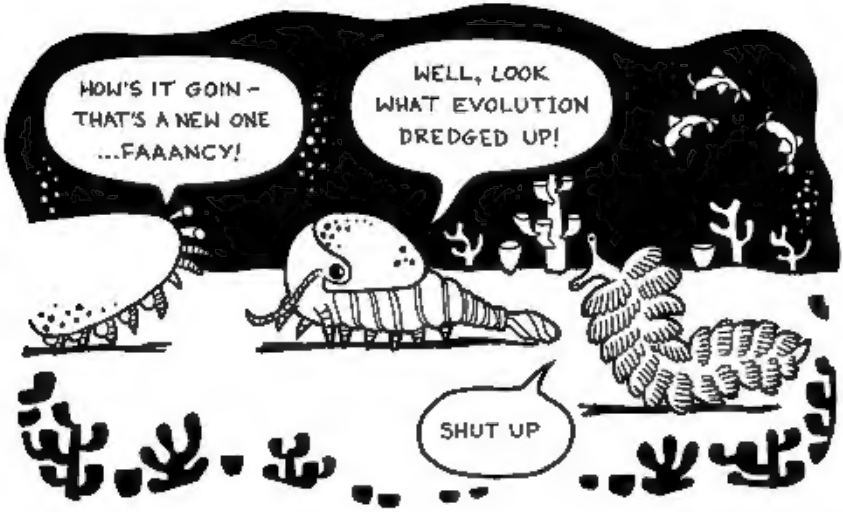
HEY GEORGE
HEY FRANK


HOW'S IT GOIN - THAT'S A NEW ONE ...FAAANCY!
WELL, LOOK WHAT EVOLUTION DREDGED UP!
SHUT UP

#@*!!
MAN, ONE LITTLE MUTATION AND THERE GOES THE NEIGHBORHOOD
SERIOUSLY! I COULD DO WITH A BIT LESS DESCENT WITH MODIFICATION AROUND HERE

MAN, SPEAKING OF WHICH, I HOPE STEVE DOESN'T SHOW UP.
YEAH, THAT GUY REALLY CREEPS ME OUT.

YEAH, YOU CAN NEVER TELL WHICH WAY HE'S LOOKI— HEY STEVE!
HEY GUYZ HOWZ IT GOIN?

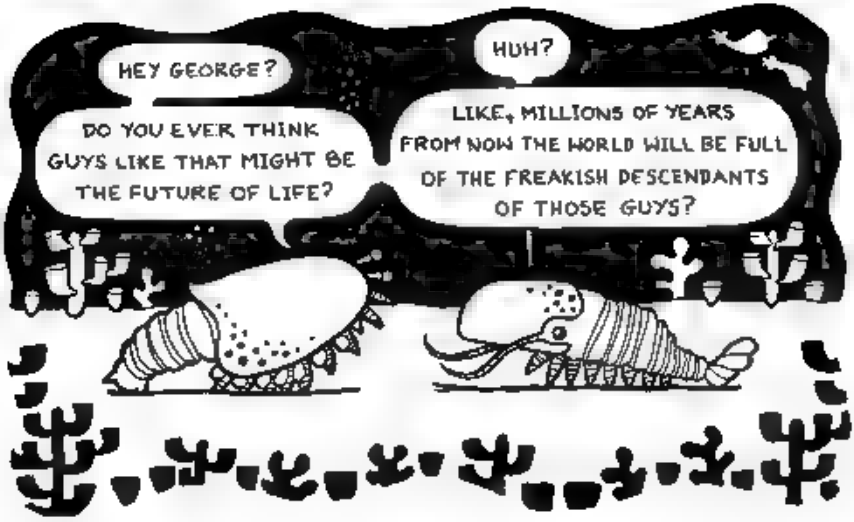
UH, IT'S GOING OK, STEVE...
YEAH, UH, FRANK AND I WERE JUST HEADED TO THE MUD FLATS.
SOUNDS TOTALLY SWEET!!

UH
UH
HEY LOOK, A SHINY TRILOBITE!
EEEEEEEE

WHEW, QUICK THINKING!
YEAH, THAT ...UH OH

DON'T...
MOVE...
ERRRK

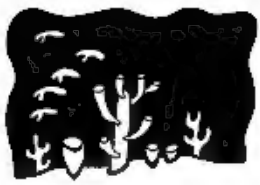
WHEW.. THAT WASN'T COOL
I GUESS HE WASN'T HUNGRY

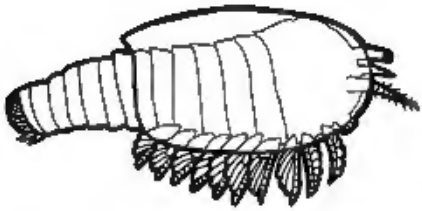

HEY GEORGE?
DO YOU EVER THINK GUYS LIKE THAT MIGHT BE THE FUTURE OF LIFE?
HUH?
LIKE, MILLIONS OF YEARS FROM NOW THE WORLD WILL BE FULL OF THE FREAKISH DESCENDANTS OF THOSE GUYS?

NO WAY. WE RE THE PINNACLE OF MILLIONS OF YEARS OF EVOLUTION.
AEONS FROM NOW, GUYS LIKE US WILL STILL BE CRAWLING ON THE SEA FLOOR, AND GUYS LIKE THEM WILL BE A DISTANT MEMORY!

WELL, THAT'S A RELIEF!
HEY, DO YOU WANT TO ACTUALLY GO TO THOSE MUDFLATS?
SURE! SOUNDS GREAT.

BEAUTIFUL DAY!
AND HOW!





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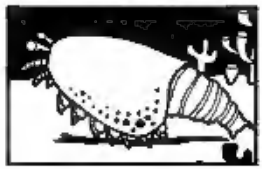
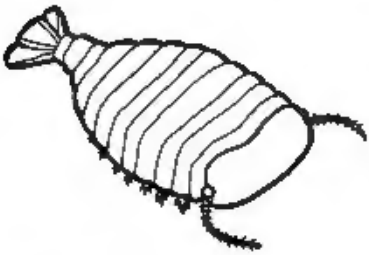
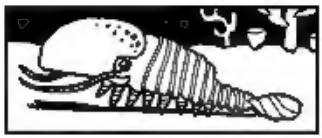
size: up to 3 inches
affiliation: an early relative of lobsters, crabs and shrimp
likes: walking on the mud
dislikes: being eaten



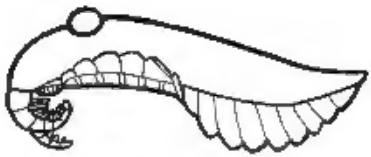


sidneyia
size: 2-5"
affiliation: arthropod
likes: bollywood movies, double dates
dislikes: catastrophic climate change



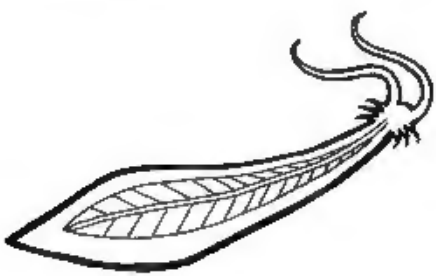
opabinia
size: about 4 inches
 # eyes: five
affiliation: unknown
dislikes: the establishment

canadia
size: 1-2"
look: pretty, windswept
affiliation: a polychaete, bristly worms that are common today



laggania
eating habits: either a big scary predator or a plankton-eater
affiliation: arthropod?

leanchoilia
size: 2"
eyes: none
appendages: weird, whiplike
affiliation: arthropod, related to spiders



pikaia
size: one and ½ inches
affiliation: one of the earliest chordates, a group that contains people